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ISRAEL HOLDS LIBYA RESPONSIBLE FOR TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL AIRPORT

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Israeli officials here hold Libya responsible for the terrorist attack at the Istanbul airport last Wednesday in which four passengers of a Tel Aviv-bound El Al plane were killed and 24 injured, despite Libya's denial of any connection with the assault.

The officials said that the Istanbul attack was made by members of a terrorist group led by Wadia Haddad, a splinter group from George-Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The Haddad group was also responsible for the hijacking of the Air France plane to Uganda, also with Libya's blessings. Meanwhile Israel said today that it will not seek the extradition of the two terrorists, contrary to earlier reports that it was seeking to do so. (See separate story p. 3).

The charge against Libya received corroboration from a passport belonging to one of the two arrested terrorists and the flight tickets of both which were included, apparently by mistake, with the returned luggage and documents of the Israelis injured in the attack. The passport was issued in Kuwait to a Jassem Abdallah El-Dawait, whose profession was listed as a student and date of birth as 1964.

The flight tickets were issued in Tripoli, Libya, and were routed Tripoli-Rome-Istanbul-Baghdad. The officials said this indicated that the two terrorists stayed at Rome airport as passengers-in-transit and were therefore not searched, assuming a search was conducted at the port of embarkation.

Even in Istanbul, it was noted, the two killers were considered as transit passengers which enabled them to move freely in the airport section holding travelers about to embark on another plane. The passport also had visa and entry and exit stamps of Syria, Jordan and Libya, which the terrorists visited before boarding the plane that brought them to Istanbul.

Other Dead Identified

Criticisms were voiced against Israeli officials over two developments related to the assault. One target was the Foreign Ministry which until Friday did not officially report that two of the slain victims -- one erroneously identified as a third terrorist and one not identified at all -- were Israeli passengers. Shlomo Avineri, the Foreign Ministry's director general, coordinated all information from Turkey on the disaster.

The victims were finally identified as Shlomo Weisbach of Haifa, and Ernest Eliash of Petach Tikvah. Weisbach, a tourist guide in charge of Israelis visiting Rumania, was returning from a visit to West Germany. Eliash, his wife and a brother and sister-in-law were members of an Israeli group which had toured the Balkans and were on the El Al plane.

Weisbach came to Palestine from Rumania in 1940 as a youth aliyah ward. He initially worked on Jewish National Fund reclamation projects and later as a driver for the Egged bus cooperative. He is survived by his mother, his wife and three children. Eliash migrated to Is-

rael from Hungary. His son and daughter-in-law were flown by El Al to Istanbul to make arrangements for the Eliash funeral.

Two slain passengers identified earlier were Harold Rosenthal, an aide to Sen. Jacob Javits (R, NY) and Yakao Hiramio, a Japanese tourist guide in charge of a group of tourists from Japan who were en route to Israel. Avineri and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon sent condolences Friday to Javits on the murder of his aide.

Names Of Injured Released

On Friday, an El Al plane brought home the injured passengers who had been hospitalized in Istanbul. Ambulances were on hand at Ben Gurion Airport and the injured persons were removed on stretchers.

The slightly injured victims were listed as Itzhak Kastel, Nissim Levi, Margalit Nir, Aharon Mannoosovitz, Hanna Merom and Miryam Levi. The seriously injured Israelis were listed as Shabtai Levi, Elyahu Mannoosovitz, Sassoon Cohen, Violet Eliash, whose husband was one of the two slain Israelis, and Sara Levi. One of the seriously injured victims, who remained at French Hospital in Istanbul, was Yonat Mannoosovitz, 11.

Treatment Of Injured Criticized

The other criticism was aimed at what was considered a too hasty expression of appreciation by Israeli officials to Turkish authorities. It was learned over the weekend that while the Turkish security personnel in the incident acted promptly and courageously in stopping and seizing the two terrorists, personnel of the government hospitals where many of the injured Israelis were taken were somewhat less than sympathetic to the injured victims. It was emphasized that treatment of injured Israelis taken to French Hospital in Istanbul was excellent.

Behira Kastel, whose husband and sister were among the injured Israelis, said on her return to Israel Friday that she had been separated from her husband after the assault. She said her husband was taken to one hospital while she escorted her sister to a Turkish hospital where, she said, the medical team simply laughed at them and for many hours did not tend to a bleeding leg wound of the sister.

AJ CONGRESS URGES U.S. TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH LIBYA

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress called on President Ford yesterday to break U.S. diplomatic relations with Libya and to urge other nations to "quarantine" the Libyan government.

In a telegram to the White House, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, AJ Congress president, said the "wanton murder" of Harold Rosenthal, Sen. Jacob Javits's aide, and other innocent international airline passengers by terrorists "paid for and directed by Libyan authorities demonstrates again the reckless and lunatic nature of that government. This danger to civilized society can no longer be tolerated by the family

of nations. We respectfully call on you to declare that the United States is terminating at once all diplomatic relations with Libya."

In urging a diplomatic break with Libya, Rabbi Hertzberg said it was "the least our government can do in response to the heart-breaking murder of an able and respected public servant (Rosenthal) and to the continued and ever-growing danger to secure and peaceful travel and intercourse between states."

Joint Congressional Resolution Urged

Naomi Levine, executive director of the AJ-Congress, said that the organization would seek to have a joint Senate-House resolution adopted calling for the abrogation of diplomatic relations with Libya. She said she would ask Javits to introduce the resolution in the Senate and Rep. Lawrence Coughlin (R. Pa.) in the House. Rosenthal was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rosenthal of Philadelphia. Coughlin is their Congressman.

The Republican national convention, which opens tomorrow in Kansas City, will also be asked to go on record in support of a diplomatic break with Libya, Mrs. Levine said. A telegram was sent Friday to Mary Louise Smith, Republican national chairman, requesting that a resolution be presented for adoption by Convention delegates condemning Libya for its role in fomenting terrorism and calling for the abrogation of U.S.-Libyan relations.

A similar message was also sent to the Atlanta headquarters of Jimmy Carter, Democratic Presidential candidate, asking for his public support of the proposal, Mrs. Levine said.

SECURITY OFFICIALS PROBING REPORT THAT GAZA STRIP ARABS ARE BEING RECRUITED BY TERRORISTS IN LEBANON By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Security officials were reported today to be investigating the possibility that more Gaza Strip Arabs are responding to recruiting efforts by terrorists in Lebanon after three Gaza Arabs were challenged and killed Friday night on the Israeli-Lebanese border. They were apparently trying to slip through the border fence into Lebanon.

The shooting was the first in that area since January when Israeli patrols clashed with armed terrorists near Margalit killing four of them. Israeli patrols have been alerted in response to reports that because of heavy losses in the civil war in Lebanon, the terrorist groups have been trying to recruit replacements from among Arabs in the administered areas. The alert orders were issued despite a meager response to the recruiting efforts.

An Israeli patrol was sent to the Shetula area where the three Arabs were seen trying to get through the border fence into Lebanon. They were challenged by the patrol and warning shots were fired into the air. When the Arabs continued their efforts, they were killed.

Documents on the bodies revealed they were from the Gaza strip and their names and addresses. Police went to the addresses over the weekend and made several arrests. Officials reported that about a year ago, an Arab youth was killed on a similar effort to cross over into Lebanon.

Demonstration Against Syria

Meanwhile Arabs in several West Bank cities responded yesterday to the capture by Lebanese Christians of the Palestinian Tal Zaatar camp by staging stormy demonstrations against Syria. Some of the demonstrators in Nablus, Tulkarem and nearby Anbata tore up pictures of Syrian President Hafez Assad and burned the pieces.

They carried black flags and signs assailing Assad and the Syrian "massacre" of Palestinians in Lebanon. Other signs pledged revenge against the Syrians for the "brethren" who had been "butchered."

NEW BOOK SAYS MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON NEWS MEDIA

By Tuvia Mendelsohn

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- A book due to be published here soon accuses army and defense Ministry officials of leaning on military correspondents in an effort to get them to write reports according to the "desirable line." The author of the book, "Blinds at the Top," is Shimshon Offer, who, as Davar's military correspondent for 10 years, covered the Six-Day War, the war of attrition and the Yom Kippur War.

Offer claims that in order to assure the "desirable line," the military establishment used pressure and threats, both explicit and implicit, and imposed its "line" on the press and other communications media. He tells of one senior official who requested military correspondents slant their reports on Israel Defense Forces activities along the preconceived views of the IDF. The officer, Offer reveals, told the correspondents that he has a "personal file" on all of them and that he assumed they wanted to maintain their contacts and relations with the army in the future.

The book, which covers the relationship between the military authorities and the correspondents prior to the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, devotes its last chapter to describing the methods taken to undermine widespread protests by the correspondents right after the war.

NEW MOSHAV ON MOUNT GILBOA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- A new moshav is being built on the slopes of Mount Gilboa, west of Jenin. Intended for some 100 families from the area, the settlement is called "Magen Sha'ul," after King Saul who died at the site while battling the Philistines. Seventeen families are already residing there and homes have been completed for an additional 13 families due to arrive shortly. All the construction work is being done by the future settlers.

The Housing Ministry has allocated IL 2 million for the construction of temporary housing until permanent homes for all the families can be built. According to the plan for the moshav, each housing unit will have an eight-dunam plot attached. The moshav center will comprise a shop, clinic and synagogue. The settlement will be officially opened in two months.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BUENOS AIRES CONCERNED OVER ACTS OF VANDALISM

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- A delega-

tion of Jewish leaders met with the head of the federal police to express the concern of the Jewish community over the recent incident of vandalism in which windows in 14 shops in this city's predominately Jewish commercial area were shattered or perforated by shots fired from a moving vehicle.

Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, president of DAIA, Dr. Juan Gurevich, DAIA vice-president and Ricardo Gordon, the secretary of DAIA met today with Gen. Edmundo R. Ojeda and told the police official that the window smashing was viewed by the Jewish community as an escalation of anti-Jewish activity. Ojeda said he shared the Jewish community's concern and affirmed that all possible steps will be taken to deal with any repetition of such incidents in an effort to quell extremist actions.

ISRAEL WILL NOT SEEK EXTRADITION OF TWO TERRORISTS FROM TURKEY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Israel will not seek the extradition from Turkey of the two Arab terrorists who attacked passengers of a Tel Aviv-bound El Al plane at Istanbul's Yastikov Airport, the Cabinet decided at its regular session today.

The reasons behind that decision were understood to include two main considerations. One was that it was not clear whether Israel has legal grounds for an extradition request. There is no direct extradition treaty between Israel and Turkey, though both are signatories to a multi-lateral treaty through which extradition could theoretically be arranged.

The other is that Israel does not want to embarrass Turkey by requesting extradition of the killers. It was indicated that such a request could put Suleiman Demirel's coalition government into a difficult situation.

A refusal could have a negative reaction in world public opinion but an agreement could evoke considerable public criticism in Turkey, particularly from the right-wing pro-Moslem National Salvation Party, the second largest in the coalition. Moreover, it was believed, agreement would certainly undermine Turkey's relations with the Arab world, the support of which Turkey is courting for its struggle with Greece over oil exploration in the Aegean Sea and over Cyprus.

May Be Extradited To Libya Or Lebanon

It was reported that as far as Israel is concerned, the best solution would be that the two terrorists be tried and sentenced in Turkey. However, there were several indications from Ankara, capital of Turkey, that Turkey is considering other, and from Israel's point of view, less attractive alternatives. Israel's diplomatic machinery has been put to work to negate such intentions.

Turkey's Interior Minister has suggested that Turkey might dispose of the problem by extraditing the two gunmen to an Arab country, either Libya or Lebanon, the only Arab country with a direct extradition treaty with Turkey.

But it was also reported here that Turkish government officials have not yet decided how to handle the problem and the impression here is that Turkey is in no rush to deal with it. Turkey will probably wait until the end of this month when the assault no longer will be hot news in the

world's media and the meeting of the non-aligned nations now meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, will have concluded.

Airport Security Gaps Continue

In a related development, Davar reported today that in spite of the terrorist attack and the new security measures at the Istanbul airport there are still "severe security gaps" at this airport. The paper also disclosed, quoting what it termed a reliable source in Ankara, that Israeli representatives had demanded several times that the airport authorities separate passengers in transit from other passengers at the airport. This request had been rejected, Davar reported.

The two terrorists were able to gain access to the passengers departure lounge because they were in transit from Rome where they had arrived earlier in the day from Tripoli, Libya. Davar reported that the terrorists had planned to board a Pakistani airliner after committing their murderous deed. They were captured, instead, by Turkish police after a furious gun battle.

ISRAEL HAS POPULATION OF 3,493,200

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- A new official booklet reports that 3,493,200 persons -- 2,859,400 of them Jews -- were living in Israel at the end of 1975. The rest were Moslems and Christians. The figures in "Israel In Figures -- 1976," to be published soon by the government's Center of Information, apply only to Israel proper. An estimated million non-Jews, most of them Arabs, lived in the administered territories.

About 27 percent of Israel's Jewish population live in the three main cities -- Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. During 1975, 20,028 immigrants arrived in Israel and an additional 9,200 arrived during the first six months of this year.

DATA ON STUDENT POPULATION MISSING FROM SOVIET STATISTICAL ANNUAL

LONDON, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- The Soviet statistical annual has stopped publishing data on the national composition of the student population of the USSR since 1972. One reason for this might be that whereas previously comparisons with earlier data showed an increase in the number of Jewish students, similar comparisons after 1972 would have provided statistical evidence of anti-Jewish discrimination in admission to higher learning.

This is the conclusion reached in a study published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London. It was prepared by Dr. L. Hirszowicz, senior research officer at the Institute and editor of its journal, Soviet Jewish Affairs.

An analysis of the data of the last 15 years reveals that although the student body in the USSR is steadily growing, the number of Jewish students has declined in absolute figures since 1968/69 and proportionally during the whole period. Jews still formed 3.23 percent of the total student population in 1955, but only 1.91 percent in 1972/73, the last year for which data is available. The study cited further discrimination against Jewish students in admission to certain facilities and to better universities.

INS TEAM IN ISRAEL TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES AGAINST 8 FORMER NAZIS NOW LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 15, (JTA) -- An official of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service office here said a team of four INS attorneys left for Israel today to interview witnesses against at least eight alleged former Nazis living in the United States suspected of World War II crimes. Some of the witnesses "probably will be brought here at government expense to testify against the alleged war criminals at hearings seeking their deportation," Immigration Commissioner Leonard F. Chapman said.

The team is headed by Paul C. Vincent, chief trial attorney for the INS, according to Henri Wagner, INS assistant director for investigation. Wagner said the team was on a 30-day assignment but that the period could be extended, if deemed necessary.

An INS spokesman said that in addition to the eight cases, 77 others were being looked into from a list of 155 originally compiled on the basis of information supplied by Simon Wiesenthal, the head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, and other agencies and sources, including individuals.

The spokesman refused to disclose any names of the suspects or the alleged crimes at this stage but said the initial list had been reduced to 85 after others on the list turned out to be dead and some of the others cleared. He said the evidence collected by the INS team in Israel could be used to deprive suspects of their U.S. citizenship and to deport them if they are proved to have concealed past activities when they arrived in this country.

CANADA HALTS VALIDATING PAPERS OF TRAVELERS TO ARAB COUNTRIES

MONTREAL, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- A Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman said that, in response to a protest by the CJC, the Canadian High Commissioner in London has been ordered to halt immediately a practice of validating certificates of Canadians seeking entry to Arab countries that the applicants were not Jewish or were Christians.

Alan Rose, CJC executive director, was advised Friday by telephone from the office of Allan MacEachen, the External Affairs Secretary, of the instructions to the Commissioner in London.

The practice was denounced last week by Rose and Claude Wagner, a leader of the opposition Progressive Conservative Party. Rose, in his letter to MacEachen, said the practice was "obviously discriminating" against Canadian Jews, adding that the practice had been repeatedly condemned by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and was "abhorrent" to all Canadians.

Rose added that the effect of the Commissioner's practice was to "assist Arab countries to deny Canadian citizens entry only because they are Jews" and that it was "absolutely unacceptable" for any government agency to "even unintentionally support or buttress anti-Semitic policies of a foreign state directed against Canadian citizens."

Opposition Leader Slams Practice

In a statement released in Ottawa, Wagner, who is the opposition spokesman on external affairs, said the practice was "unbecoming of Canadian government employees to indirectly grant official recognition to discriminatory policies

against any racial or religious group of Canadian citizens."

Wagner said the High Commissioner's action is "tantamount to subscribing to a kind of discrimination contrary to all Canadian laws and practices. Whatever their origin or their faith, law abiding Canadians traveling abroad and holding valid Canadian passports should be accepted in every country for what they are; that is Canadian citizens, without intruding into their personal ancestry or religious beliefs."

A spokesman for the External Affairs Department said the practice was discontinued because it gave the appearance of Canadian support for the Arab boycott policy. He said this practice is not necessary to permit Canadians to travel to Arab countries where this validation is required. The spokesman added, however, that the High Commission at no point issued certificates of non-Jewishness on its own but merely acted as a notary certifying documents that travelers brought with them.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE LEADERS IN RUMANIA AT INVITE BY BUCHAREST

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Yehuda Hellman, executive director, flew to Rumania Thursday night at the invitation of the Bucharest regime for discussions with government officials and Jewish leaders there. The official invitation came less than a month before Senate hearings on the renewal of most-favored-nation status for Rumania, whose performance on emigration must be certified annually by the President under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the 1974 Trade Act.

Schindler said he would discuss the record of Rumanian Jewish emigration in recent months during his meetings with government leaders, Communist Party officials and Jewish community leaders, including Rabbi Moses Rosen. He said the visit had been set following a meeting he and Hellman held with Rumanian Ambassador Nicolai Nicolai in Washington earlier in the week.

The official invitation from Bucharest had been extended through the State Department, in accordance with diplomatic protocol. Schindler and Hellman expect to be in Bucharest for about a week. The Senate hearings on renewal of most-favored-nation status for Rumania are scheduled to begin Sept. 8. Schindler said he would testify at the hearings.

YOUTH CAPITAL IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Two boys, an Arab and a Jew, running with a torch into Jerusalem's largest park, inaugurated Jerusalem's youth capital last Wednesday. The torch was carried from an Arab youth camp at Jerusalem's northern outskirts in Beit Hanina. The runners were received by Mayor Teddy Kollek, who gave them the "keys of the capital" thus making them mayor and acting mayor of the youth capital. They are Zvi Goldberg of West Jerusalem and Bassan Ashaya of Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada and his wife will visit Israel at the end of this month.